Mr. T. S. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Chittur-Tattamangalam)*: Sir, I do not see why our Government should retain this inartistic and I may say, ugly design, which robs our card of much of the writing space. In the British post card on the address side, the space on the left side of the division line is completely blank. In our card, the broad design takes too much of space.

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon *(Secretary to Government)*: They differ in design. There is no doubt about it. As regards writing space, I think the postal cards are somewhat smaller in size.

TALAPPALLI TALUK IRRIGATION COMMITTEE—SCHEMES RE: —CONSTRUCTION OF CANAL IN KANDIKULAM PADAM AND AQUEDUCT IN PARANUR DESOM

125. Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli)*: Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether the Irrigation Board, Trichur Group, has received letters (*i*) from Sri. Parakkal Krishna Menon Ex. M. L. C., bringing to the notice of the Board the necessity for launching an Irrigation Scheme by digging a canal in Kandikulam padam which starts from Kanippayyur and ends at Kandanisseri in Talappalli Taluk for preventing seasonal failure of crops in these villages; (*ii*) from Sri. K. K. Kaimal, M. L. C., present member for Vadakkancheri, bringing to the notice of the Board the immediate necessity of the construction of an aqueduct of the model constructed at Aloor lower down the Keecheri River to the South of Peruvanchira, at Paranur Desom in Choondal Village;

(*b*) what action has the Irrigation Board taken on this subject;

(*c*) if the Board has taken no action in the matter, will the Government be pleased to take up the question as their own scheme and see about the possibilities of both these schemes;

(*d*) whether they will be pleased to print and place both the communications referred to in (*a*) on the Council Table?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer)*:

(*a*) Yes.

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(*b*) The proposal for digging a canal in the Kandikulam padam was investigated by the P. W. D. and a complete report on it was sent to the Irrigation Board in July 1940. The opinion of the Board has not yet been received.

(*c*) The proposed aqueduct above the Paranur chira is meant to irrigate only 50 or 60 acres of lands and the ryots are already irrigating them by means of palmyra pipes. This method is cheap and the lands not extensive. Therefore, the necessity for the permanent work does not seem to be large. The question was not, therefore, further considered.

(*d*) Copies are placed on the Council Table.

Mr. K. Kochukunhan Kaimal *(Vadakkancheri):* Has the Government considered the cost of construction of the aqueduct?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* The cost of construction will be about Rs. 2,500 and the maintenance cost for repairs and for also to keep a watchman there will be Rs. 120 a year.

Mr. K. Kochukunhan Kaimal *(Vadakkancheri):* Has there been any alternative proposal ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* These lands are already being irrigated by the ryots by means of palmyra pipes from the existing irrigation systems.

Mr. K. Kochukunhan Kaimal *(Vadakkancheri):* The ryots do not get always the necessary water even though they are using these pipes. Will the Government be pleased to provide the necessary pipes or an adequate supply of water ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* So far as my information goes, water-supply is even now adequate. The only thing is, the ryots will have to change the pipes once in a few years. That will involve some cost to them. It was to avoid this recurring expenditure for the ryots that the proposal for constructing an aqueduct has been made. As I told you, the cost of constructing a permanent thing would be about Rs. 2,500 and the cost of maintenance would come to Rs. 120 per year. I think, the area benefited being only 50 to 60 acres, this expenditure may not be justified.

Mr. K. Kochukunhan Kaimal *(Vadakkancheri):* Will the Government be pleased to take up the duty of providing these temporary pipes at the cost of Government?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* If the Government undertakes to put up palmyra pipes, it will be very difficult for them, but for the ryots it will be an easy matter.

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Mr. K. Kochukunhan Kaimal *(Vadakkancheri):* Are not these lands assessed to irrigation cess?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* I admit it is the duty of the Government to provide irrigation facilities. But there is already an irrigation work in that area, and it is from that system that the ryots are now taking this water. So, Government have already provided irrigation facilities. It is only a question of irrigating about 50 to 60 acres of land.

Mr. K. Kochukunhan Kaimal *(Vadakkancheri):* Even though there is an irrigation system water cannot be taken to these lands on account of a river. It is that difficulty that necessitated the ryots to approach the Government. Here the water has to be taken from the canal through certain pipes over the river.

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* In no irrigation system can the authority afford to take water to every land irrigated by it. Even in Chittur several of the sprout canals for miles and furlongs are dug by the ryots. Government only maintain the main canal. After all, this is a small area.

Mr. K. Kochukunhan Kaimal *(Vadakkancheri):* The expenditure also will be very small.

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* The question will be considered.

Mr. President: You can't give answers like that. If it serves only a small area why can't you say definitely, you can't do it? Government members should not answer light-heartedly, "it will be considered".

Papers placed on the Table—inclusion in the Proceedings

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* Sir, In the printed proceedings of the Legislative Council copies of the papers placed on the Council table are not included. I think, in some other legislatures they do it.

Mr. President: It is not obligatory to print these papers. Sometimes, there will be voluminous documents placed on the Council table.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* I think, in the Indian Legislative Assembly, they do it.

Mr. President: I do not exactly remember. But I will certainly look into the matter. If it does not involve much printing, it can be done.

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APPENDIX I

(Please see answer to question No. 114)

List of Irrigation schemes investigated

	Name		*Estimate amount* Rs.
1.	Cheerakuzhi scheme	..	5,08,000
2.	Puthur scheme	..	93,700
3.	Thottra Puncha drainage scheme	..	1,00,000
4.	Drainage scheme in Eroor and Nadamal Villages	..	60,000
5.	Pillathodu reservoir scheme	..	11,00,000
6.	A sluice weir at Manjankuzhi chira	..	75,000
7.	Kumbalattara reservoir including High level canal	..	1,43,634
8.	Desamangalam Lift irrigation scheme	..	15,500
9.	Improvements to Paranur chira	..	6,350
10.	Preventing ingress of salt water in Narakkal etc., villages	..	10,700
11.	Storage of water in Oundra chal	..	14,000
12.	Irrigation facilities in Chowwara	..	5,110
13.	Irrigation facilities in Choondal village	..	2,800
14.	Improvements to Kallayi chira (Thanikudam scheme)	..	40,000
15.	Improvements to Kuzhur chira	..	59,000
16.	Pothundy diversion scheme	..	20,000
17.	Peranda scheme	..	19,000
18.	Constructing chira across Kadavallur thodu	..	4,250
19.	do. chira at Chalakkal	..	9,000
20.	Straightening the bund at Kottikal near Palakadavu	..	6,500
21.	Pothundi reservoir scheme	..	9,55,000

APPENDIX II

(Please see answer to question No. 125)

Letter dated 28th Thulam 1115 from Mr. K. K. Kaimal

"I have the honour to bring to the notice of the Board the necessity of constructing an acqueduct (പാത്തൽ) over the river a little higher up the Paranur bridge for the purpose of irrigating the lands on the south side of the river. You know that there are no such facilities as yet furnished by the Sirkar for the irrigation of these lands, though the assessment of such lands also takes in their irrigation cess as in the case of all other lands. The ryots of the land concerned take water from the irrigation canal through pana pathals put at different sites. This is done at times at a high cost and the poor tenants find it very difficult to meet the expenditure. Roughly speaking the extent of such lands will be about 50 or 60 acres. Most of the lands are double crop lands and they sometimes suffer from drought and other facilities even if there is water.

I request that the Board may be pleased to include this item in the programme of work to be carried out for the purpose of irrigation in Talappalli Taluk. In this connection I may be permitted to bring to the notice of the Board that a similar acqueduct has been constructed much lower down the river near Aloor. A similar

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arrangement will, I submit, meet the requirement of the locality in question. If more information on this matter is found necessary I shall furnish them in due course. I write this letter in my personal capacity as one of the land owners and also in my public capacity as the member of the Legislative Council representing the people concerned.

(True copy)

Letter dated 27th Thulam 1115 from Mr. Parakkal Krishna Menon

The improvement of irrigation facilities in Kandanikulam padam lying contiguously and included in the villages of Choondal, Kandanisseri and Arthat has been pending even from the time of Sir (then Mr.) Joseph Bhore and nothing has been done as yet. An improved canal beginning from Kanipayyur road to the boundary canal at Chovvallurpadi with three or four sluices intervening will, it is surmised, convert about 800 acres of single crop land into double crop lands in addition to protecting a similar area from drought and floods, paradoxical as it might appear though perfectly correct. A straightened canal will be below two miles in length and the cost will bring in a return of 3 or 4 per cent from increased land tax. Further facts can be supplied if an investigation is started and the object of this communication is to respectfully request the Board to order an investigation forthwith and to take further steps if the scheme is found feasible."

(True copy)

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